

'CRACKPOT' HUNT FOR REDS SCORED

Foundation Official Advises Reservists on Seminars

WASHINGTON, Sept. 24 (UPI)—A foundation official has spoken out again against groups that concentrate on having "plunk" in local colleges. He also advised leaders of officers who attended a 3-day meeting of the National War College in July, to apply "quality control" when organizing local seminars on cold-war strategy. He said they should be sure that various viewpoints were represented.

The advice was offered by Frank R. Barnet, research director for the Richardson Foundation and an official of the Institute for American Strategy.

He addressed the newsmen about ten days after Senator J. W. Fulbright, Democrat of Arkansas, had sent President Kennedy and Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara a critical memorandum mentioning Mr. Barnett and the two groups with which he is associated. A copy of his speech was made available today.

The Fulbright senate urged the President to determine whether the relationship between the two organizations, the National War College and the Joint Chiefs of Staff did not add up to official support for a viewpoint at variance with administration policy.

It quoted Mr. Barnett as having told an Atlanta magazine last spring that "propaganda favorable to communism is being retailed in American journals and from the pulpit."

Mr. Kennedy subsequently praised the memo. But Sen. Strom Thurmond, Democrat of South Carolina, and other conservative lawmakers have been sharply critical of it. The Senate Armed Services Committee will question Mr. McNamara on it Wednesday.

In his speech before the reserve officers, Mr. Barnett defended the privileges of his two organizations. Critics, he commented, say that right-wing statements by military officers may lead to suspicion, panic and witchhunts.

"Now this may be very valid criticism," he stated. But he said it did not pertain to any programs organized by the foundation or institute.

Mr. and Mrs. William W. (the first) of meetings set up by the two organizations. They shall discuss concerning the procedure for obtaining your name and to the forum with what should be called "business matters."

In a free society, he said, "most responsible meetings are inevitably organized by diverse organizations, groups or individuals, many of which may be sincere, but also may be prejudiced or misguided."

Mr. Barrett suggested that in organizing local post-war sections, reserve officers enlist habited civic spirit.

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"In other words, we will provide a local radio station with a tape of the program plus a laborer to operate the radio. We will also provide the speaker with a microphone. In the community, we compensate almost all the radio program committee with a speaker and materials which are acceptable."

He said the theory that internal subversion was the chief danger facing the United States had popular appeal because people then "don't have to think about the challenge of Soviet solid-fuel missiles or strengthening NATO, or improving foreign aid management, or volunteering for the Peace Corps or anything else that might require sacrifice."

"All we have to do," he said, "is worry about some 'stake' in a teachers' college."

A Pentagon spokesman questioned about the reserve officers' meeting, said the Joint Chiefs had authorized a \$1,500 payment for Mr. Bennett's month-long activity with this year's seminar.

In 1958 and 1960, he said, the Joint Chiefs permitted the foundation and instilling to finance and organize the meetings.

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